

IN BRIEFS

Focused on addressing TB

NCD Health Services through the National Health Department is taking a bold stance to address the tuberculosis epidemic in Port Moresby. Health Services Advisor, Dr Gary Ou'U has reaffirmed that TB poses health risks to international activities like the 2015 Pacific Games and the APEC Summit. He said the TB epidemic will be addressed through medical checks in all health facilities to ensure proper treatment is provided.

Tkatchenko on Illegal Land

MINISTER for Sports and Pacific Games and Member for Moresby South Justin Tkatchenko revealed that there are several blocks of land in the Nation's Capital that have been illegally acquired. Mr Tkatchenko said this when responding to a question from Member for Kandrian-Gloucester Joseph Lelang. He explained that the title was illegally sold to a foreign company for K3 million. Mr Tkatchenko is now out to correct those past wrongs.

PM receives petition

PEOPLE of Hanuabada have presented their petition to Prime Minister Peter O'Neill on the police shooting. Less than 15 representatives came peacefully and presented their petition. They then immediately left to attend the funeral service of late Nicholas Raua and Toka Gaudi who were shot in their village last month. Their petition contained five demands, to which they want the government and police constabulary to respond within two weeks.

Control issuing of firearms

NATIONAL Capital District Governor Powes Parkop wants tough measures on the issuing of firearms to police officers. Governor Parkop says the Hanuabada shooting is unfortunate but only investigations will tell who is at fault. He called on the police hierarchy not to blame the NCD Reserve Police unit for the shootings. Parkop said that the incident has called for a proper review on the issuing of rifles to policemen and women.

Port Moresby is ready

HOST Governor of the 2015 Pacific Games Powes Parkop, today assured the media that Port Moresby is ready to welcome member countries taking part in the Games. Despite the recent tension and chaos in the city, Governor Parkop says the city is ready to showcase all it has to offer. Despite the slow progress of some of the Games facilities Governor is confident the majority of the infrastructure for the event will be completed before June.

New city traffic plan

THE Government plans to streamline the public transport system in Port Moresby allowing fewer taxis and buses to operate, Transport Minister William Duma says. He told Parliament that the plan would have to be discussed with taxi and bus operators. He said the public motor vehicle (PMV) bus operators would be offered shares in a single company using big buses to service routes.



Governor Parkop handing over the K150,000 cheque to Managing Director of PNGWIB Janet Sape at his office at Lagatoi Haus.

Support women in business

NCD Governor Powes Parkop has presented a cheque of K150,000 to the Papua New Guinea Women in Business Foundation to help women in the city get into business.

Mr Parkop last year made a pledge of K300,000 to the Women's Microbank and PNGWIB foundation. During the opening of the Women's Microbank, he presented the first component of K150,000 to the bank and recently paid the balance to the Managing Director of PNGWIB Janet Sape to support the foundation in working with its members, service them and advance their businesses.

"The bank and the foundation works together, the bank manage the account and banking facilities for the women while the foundation develops their businesses," said Parkop during the presentation.

The ceremony was witnessed by members of PNGWIB, Rita Ivosa CEO of Solar Energy Solutions PNG, Keke Aiga the Project Manager of the office of NCD Governor and the representatives of Port Moresby Reform Youths Association.

PNGWIB are working in partnership with the Port Moresby Reform

Youths Association to grab hold onto this huge opportunity given by the NCD Governor.

"We believe in partnership therefore we are working together with the youths," said Sape when thanking the governor for the opportunity.

Sape taking advantage of the significant help will fund trainings for both women and youths in the three electorates of the city. Trainings such as financial literacy for women and mindset change training for youths.

She said financial literacy training will help women to know basic

things on how to run their businesses, most importantly to become financial literate after completing the training.

Mindset change training for the youths will help the youths refrain from doing bad activities and start helping the women in the development of this country.

Meanwhile PNGWIB is doing what it can to pull out the entire youths network to help promote the coming South Pacific Games and also support and strengthen the security around the public places within the city.



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Sape to serve women

PROMINENT women's leader Janet Sape was recently appointed by National Capital District Commission (NCDC) as a Commissioner responsible for women's affairs in the nation's capital. She will be the second of two female commissioners on the board following the early appointment of Ms Kilawin Mere Oala from the Motu Koita Assembly early last month.

The Board and Management of NCDC, and the municipal NCD Government have appointed Janet Sape to the position of Commissioner responsible for economic and social affairs of women in NCD given her vast experience in advocating and campaigning for social, political and economic inclusion of women in Papua New Guinea.

Executive Officer to NCD Governor, Terence Moka, speaking on behalf of Governor Powes Parkop during the swearing in ceremony held on July 7th at City Hall Boardroom, says the Governor has all the confidence in Sape to serve the affairs and issues affecting the lives of women in the city.

Mr Moka said Sape has come from a business background as an entrepreneur having advocated a lot

to seek government and other donor agencies to fund business and commercial projects initiated by various women's groups in the country. He said the new job of Sape as Commissioner responsible for women's affairs in NCD is a bit tough and challenging but said he has the confidence in her to deliver her work with dignity, honesty and transparency for the betterment of women in NCD.

When accepting her appointment Sape said she will serve the womenfolk of the city well with utmost transparency and accountability so that their issues will be heard.

"At this time we went through situation where the livelihood of the women were at stake because of betel nut ban and all that but we want to offer alternative services to them so they can participate meaningfully in the growing economy of NCD to sustain their livelihoods in the city," Sape said.

"Ms Sape said her responsibilities and duties is to make sure that the Commission will address issues affecting our mothers and sisters in the city like marketing, business opportunities, social, economic and recreational activities among others, in the city.



Commissioner Kilawin Mere Oala been congratulated on her appointment by City Manager Leslie Alu at City Hall.

Mere Oala keen to help local Motu Koitabuans

MOTU KOITABU Assembly (MKA) female councillor Kilawin Mere Oala is the new NCDC Commissioner responsible for the Assembly and affairs of Motu Koitabu people in the city.

She was officially sworn in as NCDC Commissioner responsible for delivering goods and services to the Motu Koitabu West Constituency in the Moresby Northwest Electorate in NCD by Senior Provincial Magistrate for Central Province Ernest Wilmut.

Commissioner Kilawin is responsible for these villages in the Motu Koitabu West Constituency: Baruni village and its surroundings including small hamlets and settlements built there, Tatana village, Hanuabada and Elavala villages along the western coast of Port Moresby.

Kilawin won the Local Level Government (LLG) seat for Motu Koitabu West Constituency as a councillor

in 2013 and since then she decided not to look back by advocating for the welfare of MKA communities in bringing basic goods and services to them.

She said as a mother she feels there are many social, economic and health issues that Motu Koitabu Assembly needs to do to get their house in order so that its members can work together to address some of those issues.

"I am grateful for Governor Parkop to appoint me as a Commissioner to be part of NCDC.

"I am confident that together with Governor, City Manager Leslie Alu and MKA Chairman Miria Ikupu we can work together to address social problems in our villages and the city of Port Moresby as a whole," a delighted Mrs Oala said.

The swearing ceremony is witnessed by City Manager Leslie Alu and staff and management of NCDC.